Red Fort on 23rd January, 1997 which was attended among others by the President of India, the Vice Presedent and the Prime Minister. The Programmes and activities of the centenary year are being guided by a National Committee under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister. A Sub-Committee of the National Committee under the chairmanship of the Minister of Human Resource Development has already prepared an Action Plan in this behalf.

23rd January, 1997-the birthday of Netaji-has been declared Desh Prem Diwas (Day of Patriotism) and will be commemorated as such every year. A commemorative postage stamp in the memory of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was released by the President of India on 23rd January, 1997. Commemorative coins of Rs. 100\- Rs. 50\- and Rs. 10\- and a circulation coin of Rs. 2\- were also released by the President of India in a special ceremony held on 19th February, 1997.

All State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have also been requested to celebrate this mementous event in a befitting manner.

(c) Does not arise.

Technical Institutions

2218. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of degree level and diploma level technical institutions located in Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether regional concentration of technical institutions has some connection with commercialisation of technical education by private trusts and societies in those States;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of engineering colleges and management institutions located in N.E. States, State-wise;

(e) whether regional imbalance in technical education is harmful for the development of technical education in the country; and

(f) if so, the action taken by All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) to correct the imbalance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (f) A statement giving the number of degree level and diploma level technical institutions in Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh and North Eastern States as on 31.12.1996 is enclosed. It is a fact that concentration of institutions in a few States is more as compared to others. AICTE is seized of this problem and is encouraging those States lacking such facilities to set up appropriate level technical institutions based on manpower needs. At the same time, the Council is discouraging starting of new technical institutions where the concentration is more.

Statement

State\UT		Number of Degree Institutions	No. of Diploma Institutions
1.	Maharashtra	106	157
2.	Karnataka	51	179
3.	Tamil Nadu	90	161
4.	Andhra Pradesh	34	82
5.	Meghalaya	-	02
6.	Assam	03	09
7.	Manipur	-	03
8.	Mizoram	-	01
9.	Nagaland	-	01
10.	Tripura	01	01
11.	Sikkim	01	-

Development of College in Kerala

2219. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether University Grants Commission has received any request from the Government of Kerala for assistance grant for the development of the college in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Rashtriya Barh Ayog

2220. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to the answer given to Unstarred Question No. 2634 on August 11, 1994 regarding "Rashtriya Barh Ayog" and state :

(a) whether the recommendations of the Ayog have since been considered and implemented;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government have enquired into the recent flood destruction caused in Southern parts of Andhra Pradesh;